

# VICTORY CORPS AT WAR

## 30th Medical Brigade



**W**hen the Soldiers of the 30th Medical Brigade deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in October 2005 they had a difficult mission ahead of them. Their responsibilities involved providing medical support to all troops throughout the Iraq theatre of operations, as well as helping to guide the medical needs of a country rebuilding itself. The brigade headquarters, located on Camp Victory in Baghdad, serviced close to 40 admissions, 12 medical evacuations, 19 intensive care patients, and 89 intermediate care patients each day.

The 30th's surgeons and operating room staff members performed surgical intervention with a 96 percent survival rate for severe trauma patients. The entire surgical team performed nearly 15,000 surgeries during their deployment, including 422 neurosurgical procedures, on the base. In addition to the duties generally associated with military hospitals, the brigade team also implemented



a \$1.6 million air quality study throughout Iraq, and oversaw veterinary medicine for animals used by military forces, such as K-9 units.

The 30th nurtured a partnership with the Iraqi armed forces surgeon general and the Multi-National Corps -

Iraq surgeon. Spearheaded by their clinical services, they effectively assessed and drove initiatives to enhance the medical logistics, operational planning and capabilities of the Iraqi army.

During their yearlong deployment to Iraq, the members of the brigade and its many supporting units changed the health care delivery and support of servicemembers on a full-spectrum, non-linear battlefield. The brigade's professionals consistently demonstrated their determination to change the military trauma system for the better. Hundreds of lives were saved because of the joint theater trauma systems created by the Soldiers of the 30th Medical Brigade. ■